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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Nobuhisa YODA *et al.*  
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INFORMATION PROCESS METHOD  
Appl. No.: Not yet assigned  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR  
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56 AND MPEP § 724**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitting proprietary information to the Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and MPEP § 724. Applicants respectfully request that the information be considered only by the Examiner in charge of the above-caption application, or other authorized Patent and Trademark Office employee.

Respectfully submitted,

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The following is a listing of copending U.S. patent applications which contain similar subject matter to the above-identified application.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
09/456,014	December 7, 1999
09/386,335	August 31, 1999

Applicants consider the aforementioned documents and the disclosure of their existence as pending applications to constitute proprietary information. Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (3), so that the applicants

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can, if appropriate, subsequently file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) within three months of filing date of the application.

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